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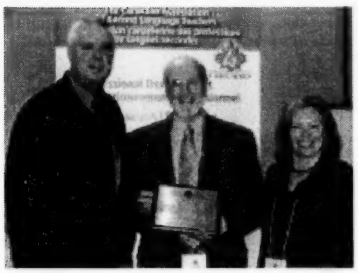
Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers
Honours Outstanding FSL Educator



Dr. Claude Germain (center) is presented with the Robert Roy award by former CASLT President Miles Turnbull as well as former CASLT Board Member Lyne Montsion.

Ottawa, December 7, 2007– A prominent second language educator and researcher was recognized for his outstanding achievements during the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers' (CASLT) Annual General Meeting, November 29th, 2007 in Ottawa. Dr. Claude Germain, recently retired from the Université du Québec à Montréal, received the prestigious Robert Roy Award.

Dr. Germain is an internationally acknowledged authority on the teaching and learning of second languages. He is well-known for his research and numerous publications in second language teaching, such as *L'Évolution de l'enseignement des langues: 5000 ans d'histoire*, and the series *Le point sur…*, which provided essential teaching tools for professors of French as a Second Language methodology.

Dr Germain is also known for developing (with Dr. Joan Netten of Memorial University) Intensive French, an innovative approach to French as a Second Language teaching. Intensive French is currently being implemented across Canada and relies on literacy-based strategies all the while increasing the intensity and amount of time spent on learning French.

"From 1998 to last June, more than 10,000 students from grade 5 or grade 6 have participated in the Intensive French program, in nine provinces and two territories," Dr. Germain stated in his acceptance speech. "With the essential support of language teachers, school administrators, provincial and territorial departments of education across Canada, the federal government and, more recently, with the support of CASLT, we have attempted to contribute to reaching the goal set by the federal government for 2013."

Dr. Germain joins a distinguished list of past award recipients who have been honoured by the CASLT for their service in the field of education.

The Robert Roy Award is granted to an outstanding Canadian who has distinguished him or herself in the world of teaching, research or writing, and in advancing second language teaching and learning in Canada. The award was first introduced by CASLT in 1983. Past winners include Dr. Sharon Lapkin (ON), Dr. Peter Heffernan (AB), Stan Frey (SK) and Dr. Merrill Swain (ON).

The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT), originally formed in 1970, increases awareness, appreciation and understanding of the importance of second language learning and teaching throughout Canada and promotes the advancement of professional excellence among language educators.

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